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7 **BEFORE THE**  
8 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

12 **STEVE JAMES RANSE**  
13 1651 Beechwood Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553

14 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH  
15 58490

16 Respondent.

Case No. 2876

OAH No. N2006040270

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this  
18 proceeding that the following matters are true:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Patricia F. Harris ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of  
21 Pharmacy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter  
22 by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Rebecca M. Heinstein, Deputy  
23 Attorney General.

24 2. Steve James Ranse ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by  
25 attorney Edgardo Gonzalez, whose address is 1300 Clay Street, Suite 600, Oakland, California  
26 94612.

27 3. On or about September 10, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy  
28 Technician Registration No. TCH 58490 to Steve James Ranse. The license was in full force

1 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2876 and will expire on  
2 October 31, 2007, unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 2876 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") ,  
5 Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation  
6 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 21,  
7 2006. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of  
8 Accusation No. 2876 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations  
11 in Accusation No. 2876. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this  
12 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

13 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the  
14 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by  
15 counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him;  
16 the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of  
17 subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to  
18 reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the  
19 California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up  
21 each and every right set forth above.

22 **CULPABILITY**

23 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in  
24 Accusation No. 2876.

25 9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacy Technician License is subject to  
26 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the  
27 Disciplinary Order below.

**CONTINGENCY**

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board of Pharmacy may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 58490, issued to Respondent Steve James Ranse is revoked.

13. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacy Technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

14. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his License and his pocket certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

15. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all

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1 of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 2876 shall be deemed to be true,  
2 correct, and admitted by Respondent when the licensing agency determines whether to grant or  
3 deny the petition.

4 16. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for  
5 three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.

6 17. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement  
7 in the amount of \$2,500.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

8 **ACCEPTANCE**

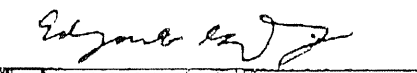
9 I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I  
10 understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration.  
11 I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and  
12 intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

13 DATED: 8-14-06.

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16 STEVE JAMES RANSE  
Respondent

17 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Steve James Ranse the terms and  
18 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I  
19 approve its form and content.

20 DATED: 8-15-06.

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23 EDGARDO GONZALEZ  
Attorney for Respondent

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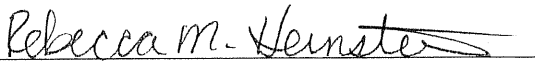
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 8/24/06.

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by  
the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on November 15, 2006.

It is so ORDERED October 16, 2006.

BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

  
WILLIAM POWERS  
Board President

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**Exhibit A**  
**Accusation No. 2876**

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

Complainant alleges:

**PARTIES**

1. Patricia F. Harris ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about September 10, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 58490 to Steve James Ranse ("Respondent"). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times pertinent to the events in this Accusation and relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2007, unless renewed.

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or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

7. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1770, states that for the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant "if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

8. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Substantially Related Conviction)

9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301(l) of the Code in that he has been convicted of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a pharmacy technician as follows:

a. On or about June 11, 2004, in a criminal proceeding entitled People of the State of California vs. Steve Ranse, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case Number 2125118, Respondent was convicted by a plea of guilty of violating Penal Code section

1 273A(A) (child cruelty: posing injury or death), a felony.

2 b. The underlying circumstances are that Respondent attempted to commit  
3 lewd acts with a 13 year old girl whom he met via the internet.

4 c. The sentence Respondent received included three (3) years probation and  
5 sixty (60) days in the county jail. Respondent was also ordered by the Court to attend and  
6 complete counseling and therapy, not to do any internet browsing, to forfeit his computer, and to  
7 stay away from all children under the age of 16 unless there is also an adult of 21 years or older  
8 present.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

11 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301(f) of the  
12 Code in that he has committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or  
13 corruption, as set forth in paragraph 10, above.

14 **PRAYER**

15 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein  
16 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

17 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH  
18 58490, issued to Steve Ranse;

19 2. Ordering Steve Ranse to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs  
20 of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
21 section 125.3;

22 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

23 DATED: 3/15/06

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25 P. F. Harris  
26 PATRICIA F. HARRIS  
27 Executive Officer  
28 Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant